Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, According to the International Diabetes Federation, diabetes now affects more than 387 million people; and,

Whereas, The Federation estimates by 2035, 600 million people worldwide or one in ten will have this disease; and,

Whereas, Diabetes in South Dakota is estimated to affect over nine percent of our state population; and,

Whereas, National information indicates slightly more than one in six Native American adults have this disease; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Urban Indian Health has dedicated health programs to diabetes for over 17 years and has been instrumental in bringing awareness of the World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge to South Dakota since 2008; and,

Whereas, The World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge takes place all over the world, lighting popular monuments blue the evening of November 14, 2015, in recognition of World Diabetes Awareness Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota will participate by bringing awareness to the diabetes health World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge with Crazy Horse, Falls Park, and the Pierre Missouri River Causeway lit in blue to bring the disease to "light" for many South Dakotans:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2015, as

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State